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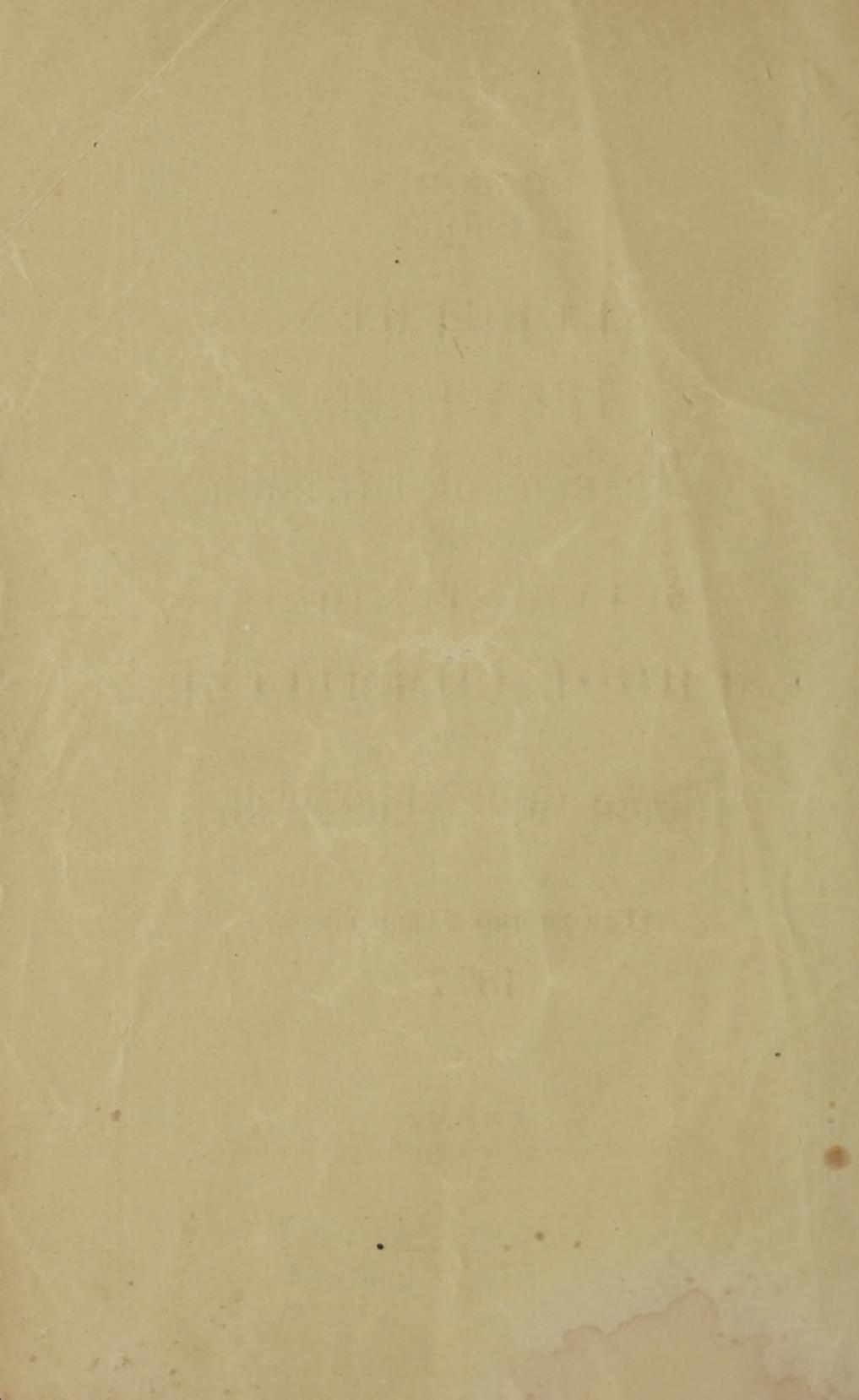
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen would respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town :

Total valuation, April, 1876,	\$336,864 00
Reduced valuation,	1,684 32
Amount of State, County, Town and School Taxes assessed,	2,819 78
School House tax in District No. 1,	157 47
" " " " " " 2,	136 57
" " " " " " 6,	59 77
No. of dogs 56, tax	59 00

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding notes and interest,	\$1375 00
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ASSETS.

Outstanding taxes, 1875,	\$ 60 00
" " 1876,	219 59
Cash value of Liquor belonging to town,	25 00
" " of Land fund,	1417 39
Cash balance in treasury,	173 85
Balance in favor of town,	520 83

The town has the following sums to be applied to the support of schools the ensuing year :

Literary fund,	\$81 00
Interest on school fund,	42 55
Dog tax,	55 00
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	\$178 55

We would recommend to be raised by tax the ensuing year the following sums :

To pay State tax,	\$924 00
To pay County tax,	743 48
For the support of schools,	850 00
To defray town charges,	500 00
To repair highways in summer,	800 00

SAMUEL D. BEMIS, } Selectmen
FRANCIS STRATTON, } of
DANIEL W. BARKER, } Harrisville.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

DR.

1876			
April 14	Received of County Treasurer,		\$32 26
27	" " Town "		35 97
Oct. 23	" " County "		40 10
Nov. 27	" " Town "		8 00
Dec. 2	" " "		34 49
1877.			
Feb. 27	" " "		56 58
			<hr/> \$207 40

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1876.			
April 17	Paid Mary Ann Yardly for board and clothing Martha Cobb twenty four weeks,		\$32 26
" 27	" Treasurer of N. H. Insane Asylum expen- ses of Mrs. Crane,		35 97
Oct. 24	" Mary Ann Yardly for board and clothing Martha Cobb 28 weeks,		39 35
" 24	" S. D. Bemis, keeping transient pauper,		75
Nov. 27	" Elbridge Philbrick,		8 00
Dec. 2	" William H. Jones for provisions for 12 Swedes,		12 99
" 2	" S. D. Bemis aid furnished transient paupers,		21 50
1877.			
Feb. 27	" Wm. H. Jones, provisions for Jonas Wight,		6 75
" "	" S. E. Tuttle, aid furnished transient paupers.		20 75
" "	" O. O. Whipple, aid furnished transient paupers,		18 75
" "	" Wm. H. Jones, provisions for Lockup,		10 33
			<hr/> \$207 40

SAMUEL D. BEMIS, Overseers
FRANCIS STRATTON, of
DANIEL W. BARKER, Poor.

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

Report of Agent having charge of School and Ministerial Funds :
 March 28, 1876, Received on M. Harris note, interest, \$45 35
 Jan. 26, 1877 " interest on Marlboro' Bonds, 39 68

\$85 03

March 28, 1876,	Paid Town Treasurer, interest school fund,	\$22 69
" " "	" Congregational Society, interest ministry fund,	11 33
" " "	" Baptist Society, interest ministry fund,	11 33
Jan. 26, 1877,	" Town Treasurer, interest school fund, 19 84	
" " "	" Congregational Society, interest ministry fund,	9 92
" " "	" Baptist Society, interest ministry fund, 9 92	
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		\$85 03

Fund invested as follows :

Note against the town held by Aaron Smith,	\$755 95
Marlboro' Town Bonds,	661 64
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	\$1417 59

HARRISVILLE, Feb. 27, 1877.

We hereby certify that we find the accounts of the Town Agent correct, and the funds properly secured.

SAMUEL D. BEMIS, } Selectmen
 FRANCIS STRATTON, } of
 DANIEL W. BARKER, } Harrisville.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 26, 1876,	\$ 258 12
for lots in Island Cemetery,	83 00
for lots in Riverside Cemetery,	18 00
of State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	81 00
of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	760 07
of A. Smith, Town Agent, interest on School Fund,	42 53
of Selectmen, borrowed of Levi Emery,	125 00
of Selectmen, borrowed of W. W. Seaver,	300 00
of Selectmen, borrowed of Geo. F. Tufts,	200 00
of Selectmen, borrowed of Geo. F. Tufts,	200 00
of G. W. Mason, Tax Collector for 1874,	23 89
of G. W. Mason, Tax Collector for 1875,	487 39
of Collector Farwell for 1876,	3068 00

	\$5647 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

STATE AND COUNTY.

Paid County tax,	\$ 603 25
State tax,	1008 00

	\$1611 25

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Aaron Smith, Town Agent, interest on M. Harris note,	\$45 35
Darius Farwell, interest,	6 00
Levi Emery, interest,	9 00
interest on A. Sargent's note,	18 00

	\$78 35

SCHOOLS.

Paid Judson A. Blodgett, Prudential Committee, District No. 1,	\$ 398 62
David Willard, Prudential Committee, District No. 2,	214 57
Edward E. Sargent, Prudential Committee, District No. 3,	130 60
George Wood, Prudential Committee, District No. 4,	110 69

Paid Jabez Townsend, Prudential Committee, District No. 5,	127 37
Rufus P. Pierce, District No. 6, Dublin,	37 42
Orsen Tolman, District No. 3, Nelson.	6 67
S. Grow, District No. 5, Nelson.	3 61
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	\$1029 55

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid Judson A. Blodgett, Committee, District No. 1,	\$150 00
David Willard, Committee, District No. 2,	130 00
Elmer Howe, Committee, District No. 6, Dublin,	54 00
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	\$334 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Willard & Atwood, lumber for bridges,	\$ 17 15
David C. Owen, labor,	9 72
George Wood, "	7 00
Judson A. Blodgett, "	7 41
Joel F. Mason, "	13 16
A. E. Chamberlain, "	15 00
J. A. Mason, "	19 33
Edward E. Sargent, "	11 68
George W. Barker, "	4 79
George W. Barker, "	6 82
Solon Willard, "	9 09
Oren M. Bullard, "	11 40
Charles H. Nye, material for repairing roads.	20 00
J. A. Mason, lumber for bridges,	12 71
Ira P. Smith, for bridge plank,	5 79
Edward E. Sargent, lumber for bridges,	3 44
Hugh Clark, lumber for bridges,	5 76
Willard & Atwood, lumber for bridges,	60 96
Solon Willard, lumber for bridges,	6 54
A. E. Chamberlain, gravel and labor,	5 70
Oren M. Bullard, lumber,	6 00
S. T. Symonds, lumber,	5 17
C. & H. Farwell, plank for bridges,	7 80
G. W. Barker, plank for bridges,	1 75
L. L. Howe, lumber for Pottersville Bridge,	25 00

Paid D. W. Barker, labor on highway,	3 02
Joel Bancroft, plank,	3 56
Hugh Clark, labor on highway,	16 83
A. E. Chamberlain, lumber for bridges,	7 50

	\$330 08

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Eugene R. Seaver, breaking roads,	\$ 5 05
Milan Harris,	12 25
Francis Stratton,	19 35
Chauncy Barker,	16 87
David C. Owen,	11 50
Nelson Yardly,	21 40
Joel Bancroft,	31 80
Corbin C. Farwell,	12 80
C. K. Towne,	33 90
George Wood,	9 60
Darius Farwell,	4 80
Daniel W. Barker,	6 40
Charles H. Nye,	11 40
John C. Barry,	7 20
Charles A. Bemis,	27 10
Judson A. Blodgett,	6 50
C. & H. Farwell,	17 00
James I. Cotton,	11 16
Oren M. Bullard,	8 60
George W. Seaver,	16 60
Gilman Kendall,	7 00
Martin M. Mason,	16 75
Winslow Royce,	4 00
John S. Gilchrist,	6 30
John Rutherford,	15 10
Solon Willard,	2 10
A. E. Chamberlain,	2 20
Frederic A. Searl,	3 60
R. C. Philbrick,	4 77
Francis Stratton,	57 61

	\$410 71

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid expense of Eliza Crain, Insane Hospital,	\$ 35 97
Elbridge Philbrick and family,	8 00
Wm. H. Jones, provision for Swedes,	12 99

Paid S. D. Bemis, support of transient paupers,	21 50
S. E. Tuttle, aid to transient paupers,	20 75
M. J. Russell, wood for lockup,	3 25
Wm. H. Jones, goods furnished J. Wight,	6 25
Wm. H. Jones, provisions for lockup,	10 33
O. O. Whipple, transient paupers,	18 75

	\$137 79

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Levi W. Fiske, damage on sheep by dogs,	\$ 3 43
Morse and Tarbox, " " "	51 38
Darius Farwell, " " "	6 85
Daniel W. Barker, " " "	5 48
Joel F. Mason, " " "	4 80
Dr. J. H. Cutter, certificate of deaths,	25
Julius N. Morse for printing reports,	25 75
Wm. H. Jones, stationery for Selectmen,	1 55
Wheeler & Faulkner, retaining fee,	6 00
C. R. Morrison for counsel, 1870,	6 00
Cornelius K. Towne, working non resident highway tax,	11 99
Winslow Royce, working non resident highway tax,	5 38
Austen E. Chamberlain, working non resident highway tax,	1 50
J. W. Powers, sexton's services in Dublin,	10 00
Francis Stratton, labor on cemeteries,	27 52
F. Stratton, material for lockup,	51 20
Willard & Atwood, lumber for lockup,	100 00
F. Stratton for labor and hardware, &c., for lockup,	163 01
George Tilden & Co., stationery for selectmen,	4 87
Treasurer of Manchester & Keene Railroad Co.,	
gratuity in part,	500 00
D. Farwell, Collector, highway receipts,	6 95
D. Farwell, Collector, for abatement of taxes,	33 14
D. Farwell, Collector, for abatement of dog tax,	4 00
C. C. P. Harris, for books, stationery, postage, &c.,	3 54
C. C. P. Harris, expenses to settle State and County tax,	3 50
M. J. Russell, for care of lockup,	10 00
M. J. Russell, for horse to Keene,	2 00
L. P. Eaton, working non resident highway tax,	3 24
C. A. Bemis, gravel for highway,	4 00
G. W. Mason, Collector, abatement of tax for 1874,	2 40
G. W. Mason, Collector, abatement of tax for 1875,	13 10
G. W. Mason, supporting watering trough,	3 00
Wm. H. Jones, use of hall,	40 00

Paid Darius Farwell, Collector, abatement of tax,	\$ 3 54
Francis Stratton, miscellaneous expense,	18 05
Francis Stratton, weights and measures,	18 00
Francis Stratton, removing paupers,	9 00
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	\$1164 42

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Rev. Amos Holbrook, Superintendent of schools,	\$ 12 00
S. E. Tuttle for services as Police,	8 60
Darius Farwell, Collector of taxes,	45 00
Aaron Smith, Superintendent of schools,	15 00
M. J. Russell, services as Police,	12 15
S. D. Bemis, Overseer of the poor,	18 00
S. D. Bemis, services as Selectman,	86 00 <i>69.75</i>
Francis Stratton, services as Selectman,	36 00
D. W. Barker, services as Selectman,	33 50
C. C. P. Harris, services as Clerk and Treasurer,	50 00
T. Stratton, services as Sexton,	75 00
Geo. F. Tufts, services as Auditor,	2 00
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	\$377 00

RECAPITULATION.

To cash received,	\$5,647 00
Paid County tax,	\$ 603 25
State tax,	1008 00
for schools,	1029 55
Schoolhouse tax,	334 00
Notes and interest,	78 35
Highways and and bridges,	330 08
for breaking roads,	410 71
for support of poor,	137 79
miscellaneous expenses,	1164 42
Town officers' services,	377 00
Cash on hand in treasury,	173 85
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	\$5,647 00 \$5,647 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. C. P. HARRIS,

Town Treasurer.

Harrisville, Feb. 28, 1877.

This certifies that I have examined the above Town Treasurer's account, and find it to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. F. TUFTS,

Auditor.

Report of the Superintending School Committee OF HARRISVILLE, MARCH, 1877.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Harrisville:

Gentlemen—Having decided to remove from town soon, I submit to you, with my resignation of the position of Superintending School Committee the following Report of the schools up to this time.

The Grammar School in Dist. No. 1, Summer term was taught by Miss Clara E. Wood for a term of 8 weeks. The school was kept in the Brick Chapel under unfavorable circumstances for good order and close application to studies. The lessons were mainly a review of those of the previous term, and in promptness and correctness of recitation were considerably below the usual standard of this school.

The Primary School has been taught through the year by Mrs. Harriet A. Tolman with good success. This school is large in number and requires more than ordinary tact and patient toil to hold it in a prosperously progressive state. The 2d term is now in progress and I trust will be found at the close in good condition.

Dist. No. 2. Summer and Fall term taught by Miss Mary Newhall. This was her first school, and managed with a good degree of energy and skill, and taught with a correctness of method and system that made both very successful terms.

Dist. No. 3. Both terms taught by Miss Abbie C. Holbrook. This school, during the 2d term was interrupted for three weeks, by scarlet fever, and two of the scholars fell victims to the disease. The second term is now in session and both have been very quiet and a commendable degree of progress made by all classes

and promises to be both pleasant and profitable to all the classes.

Dist. No. 4. Both terms of this school taught by Miss Townsend in a very successful manner. Though small in numbers this school still retains its good character for promptness of attendance and good scholarship.

Second term not yet closed.

Dist. No. 5. Summer term taught by Miss Sarah Townsend. The progress in some branches of study was good, but there was a laxness and lack of good order that very much interfered with the progress, and disappointed our expectations at the commencement of the term, of a successful school. The 2d school is now in progress, taught by Mr. Fred C. Farwell and at the first visitation promised good results

As most of the Registers are still in the hands of the teachers, I can give you but a general report and leave the gathering of final results and statistical tables to my successor to report. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HOLBROOK.

Harrisville, Nov. 7th, 1876.

In compliance with the laws of the State the Superintending School Committee submits the following brief report:

By reason of the resignation of Rev. Amos Holbrook, as Superintending School Committee, the undersigned was appointed, Nov. 24th, to fill the vacancy. At that time four of the schools were in progress and two of them near the close.

The amount of money raised by taxation in 1876 for the support of schools was \$1029.55, to which is to be added the amount of the Literary Fund received from the State, \$81.00, and the interest of land fund, \$42.53, making the total amount appropriated for the support of schools the past year, \$1153.08.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

	Money divided.
No. 1. Judson A. Bodgett,	\$398 62
" 2. David Willard,	214 57
" 3. Edward E. Sargeant,	130 60
" 4. George Wood,	110 69
" 5. Jabez B. Townsend,	127 37

DIST. No. 1. The fall term of the primary school was taught by Mrs. H. A. Tolman. This is a difficult school to teach on account of the varied qualifications of the scholars and the diversity of ages, and requires much judgment and discretion on the part of the teacher. Our only visit was made at the closing examination at which Mrs. T. displayed rare tact in the management of the school and seemed to have won the good will and respect of her pupils, and consequently they must have made satisfactory progress. We were much pleased with the alacrity and promptness of the scholars in their recitations.

The Winter term of the Grammar School was taught by Mr. Geo. K. Wood of Francestown, N. H. Mr. Wood has labored with commendable zeal and has maintained good order and manifested an earnest desire to succeed. The closing examination showed the school to be in good condition. The pupils appeared to be familiar with the branches studied and the recitations were conducted in a spirited manner. A very marked progress was shown especially in the branches of Arithmetic and Geography. The deportment was excellent, and much credit is due Mr. Wood for his efforts in behalf of the school.

DIST. No. 2. The winter term was taught by Miss Mary L. Newhall. The district was fortunate in securing her services during the year. The closing examination was highly satisfactorily and pleasing. The exercises in reading were especially so as they have heretofore been decidedly bad on account of an indistinctness which was almost unendurable. This result is due to the skill and judicious efforts of the teacher. The recitations were conducted with a system and energy, and they displayed a thoroughness of instruction which was truly gratifying. The low percentage of attendance is to be attributed to the inclemency of the weather the last part of the term.

DIST. No. 3. The winter term was taught by Miss Abbie C. Holbrook. The only visit made by the Committee was at the closing examination, and this satisfied us that the school had been successfully managed. The progress of the school was no doubt much injured by the suspension of the school three weeks on account of sickness. The reading was excellent, indeed, all the exercises exhibited a thoroughness which was commendable.

DIST. No. 4. The Winter school was taught by Miss Fannie A. Townsend of Dublin. Our first visit was made the 9th week, Nov. 28. We found the school moving along finely. The quiet, orderly, and thorough manner in which the exercises were con-

ducted, and the promptness of the recitations were truly gratifying. We were much pleased with Miss Townsend's method of instruction, as she requires her pupils to think, delve out and explain the study in hand, thereby the pupil acquires mental discipline necessary to grapple with difficulties in all branches of study. It was with regret we failed to receive notice of the close of the school, but have no doubt it was successful.

DIST. NO. 5. The Winter term was taught by Mr. Fred. C. Farwell and was his first school. He brought to the discharge of his duties an earnestness and energy which told on the success of the school, and by his faithfulness and fidelity has made the school pleasant and profitable. The closing examination was satisfactory and showed a marked progress in all the branches pursued.

In concluding this report the Committee is glad to express the opinion that our schools have been successful the past year. Some more so than others, but no failures, and will compare favorably with years past. There is a falling off in the number writing compositions since last year (32 to 4). We deem it important that this should be one of the exercises in all our schools, as it trains the mind to express ideas on paper and involves the elements of expression, punctuation and correct spelling. Penmanship has been taught in most of our schools with a good degree of success. A school of two weeks' duration was taught in District No. 2, prior to the winter term by Mr. J. P. Waterhouse of Boston in which was combined penmanship, reading and spelling, and those branches only. There is great need of Outline Maps to be used in connection with the study of Geography. Being constructed on a large scale they exhibit distinctly the most important cities, towns, rivers, seas and mountains in the different parts of the world; they give the pupil a better idea of the relative situation and locality of those places. We would recommend to the districts to provide their schools with those maps. We are of the opinion a change in the Geographies now in use would be advantageous, but are not prepared to recommend a substitute. We have examined advance sheets of Harper's new School Geography and believe this series would be a great improvement over the series now in use.

As before stated our schools have been in a good degree successful,—due in a great measure to the fact that competent teach-

ers were employed. Every parent and every voter should feel that the subject of common schools is one in which he has a personal interest.

Let "Progress" be the motto, for it will not be safe for us, while striving to advance the interests of our town, to let the cause of education go backwards. Respectfully submitted.

AARON SMITH,
Superintending School Committee.

Harrisville, March 1, 1877.

TABLE.

Districts.	Terms.	Length of School in weeks.	Teachers.	Number of Scholars attending 2 weeks.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number not absent.	Number of Tardy Marks.	No. in Attimete.	Algebra.	Grammar.	Geography.	Book Keeping.	History.	Pennmanship.	Composition.	Wages of Teacher per month.	
									1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	124
1	Prim'y.	Summer.	8	Mrs. H. A. Tolman,	44	82	4	86	17	12	33	2	6	20	4	14	\$30.00
		Gram.	8	Miss Clara E. Wood,	33	94	12	12	33	16	3	11	4	14	14	34.00	
1	Prim'y.	Winter.	13	Mrs. H. A. Tolman,	40	90	8	109	18	33	36	3	9	18	11	11	30.00
1	Gram.	Winter.	12	Mr. G. K. Wood,	36	84	3	63	36	36	22	5	12	1	12	12	44.00
2	Spring.	Spring.	8	Miss M. L. Newhall,	27	87	11	16	22	5	12	12	1	15	17	28.00	
2	Fall.	Winter.	8	"	27	93	10	19	23	2	5	11	2	20	20	32.00	
2	Winter.	Writing.	2	Mr. J. P. Waterhouse,	42	77	2	68	40	3	11	25	4	47	47	64.00	
3	Summer.	Summer.	8	Miss A. C. Holbrook,	28	93	4	2	8	3	5	5	8	8	8	28.00	
3	"	"	12	90	90	4	4	4	13	1	5	9	4	4	4	20.00	
3	Winter.	Winter.	13	94	94	4	4	4	13	1	5	9	4	4	4	20.00	
4	Summer.	Summer.	6	Miss E. A. Townsend,	6	92	4	6	6	1	4	4	1	7	7	4	22.00
4	Winter.	Winter.	12	"	6	98	5	4	9	1	7	7	7	7	7	4	22.00
5	Summer.	Summer.	9	Miss S. F. Townsend,	13	80	5	8	14	5	6	6	5	6	6	5	33.00
5	Winter.	Winter.	12	Mr. Fred C. Farwell,	17	75	72	442	245	19	50	132	5	6	183	4	
			344	AV. 88	72	442	245	19	50	132	5	6	183				

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